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## **WAYSIDE SPEAKS THROUGH ART**

On Friday 22 August, well-known Sydney Icon, The Wayside Chapel, will bring together many different facets of the community in a visual representation at its first community Art Show.

As part of the *Wayside Speaks* series, the Wayside will host the Wayside Art Show to celebrate the eclectic talents of the community ranging from youth homeless, professional artists from the local community and volunteers from the Wayside itself.

With the theme, '*Urban Living*', the Wayside will showcase visual arts in the form of graffiti art, paintings and photographs as well as digital arts including video and musical pieces all submitted by the local community.

Pastor of the Wayside Chapel, Rev. Graham Long said "with such talent at our doorstep, it seems natural to host such an event. So far we have had some 20 or so entries and hope to have many more from every part of the Wayside. It is a celebration of the rich talent in our community and an outlet for many of our homeless people who are wonderful artists."

"It is a free event for the public and we encourage you to enter a piece or come along to appreciate the creative outputs and contributions of our diverse community," said Rev. Graham Long.

The Wayside Art Show will be held on Friday 22 August, 2008 from 6.30pm in the Conference Room, Wayside Chapel, Hughes Street, Kings Cross.

This event is part of the *Wayside Speaks* series of forums. Other events in the series include *Darkness Over Paradise* (October 7), *Kaleidoscope Festival: Innovative Models of Mental Health Care* (September 16), Conference: *Justice Peace and the Integrity of Creation* (October 18-19), *Voices of Youth* (October 30), *107 Projects Augurs Well* (November 15), *Alternative Public Housing* (November 20) and *Urban Neighbours of Hope* (December 4).

For a full program visit [www.waysidechapel.com](http://www.waysidechapel.com).

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*The Wayside Chapel is a well known Sydney Icon that provides unconditional love, care and support for people on and around the streets of Kings Cross. It has a long history of being at the forefront of social justice issues. Wayside pioneered Australia's first 24 hour crisis centre, the first Drug Referral Centre, co-founded the Aboriginal Affairs Foundation and started Life Education Australia. In the 60's and 70's it was also considered a first-class arts establishment.*